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SUBJECT:PRESIDENT BOKASSA'S DESIRE TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT
FORD

REF: BANGUI 259

1. POSSIBILITY OF PRESIDENTIAL MEETING HIGHLY UNLIKELY.
DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH EMBASSY JUDGMENT THAT IT PROBABLY
WISER COURSE OF ACTION TO ATTEMPT SEEK AUDIENCE WITH
BOKASSA TO EXPLAIN SITUATION REGARDING APPOINTMENTS WITH
PRESIDENT FORD. DEPARTMENT GRANTS AUTHORIZATION REQUESTED
REFTEL.

2. AMBASSADOR MAY WISH INFORM BOKASSA THAT OFFICIAL
LIST OF PRESIDENTIAL VISITS NORMALLY SUBMITTED TO WHITE
HOUSE AND APPROVED LONG IN ADVANCE AND THAT VISIT
SC;EDULE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1975 NOW COMPLETE.

3. HOWEVER, IF EMBASSY BELIEVES BOKASSA'S WRATH MAY HAVE

COOLED OR THAT HE MIGHT BE MOLLIFIED, EVEN TEMPORARILY,
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BY EMBASSY EFFORTS IN FACILITATING VISIT TO US OF HIS

SON GEORGES, AMBASSADOR MAY WISH TO HOLD OFF ON SEEKING AUDIENCE WITH BOKASSA WITH HOPE THAT CURRENT FIT OF ILL WILL MAY PASS.

4. RE PARA 3 REFTTEL. OTINA MENTION OF BOKASSA VISIT IS ONLY TIME SUBJECT HAS BEEN BROACHED IN WASHINGTON DURING RECENT MONTHS. POSSIBILITY OF A BOKASSA VISIT HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN DISCUSSED DURING KLINEBURGER'S OCCASIONAL CALLS TO DEPARTMENT. BASED ON COUNTRY OFFICER'S CONVERSATIONS WITH KLINEBURGER LAST FALL, IT WAS OUR IMPRESSION THAT HE WAS MORE THAN WILLING TO LET ISSUE DIE. KISSINGER

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